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Honorable Frank Horton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Rep. Horton
Individual*

Dear Mr. Horton:

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Thank you for your 7 September letter to Admiral Turner
enclosing correspondence from [redacted] of
[redacted] New York. [redacted] asked whether Russian
missiles are back in Cuba again.

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There are no medium or intermediate range surface-to-
surface missiles in Cuba. These are missiles with sufficient
range to reach the continental U.S. from Cuban bases. There
are, however, some obsolescent coastal defense missiles and
probably a few short-range (40 mile) tactical rockets. In
addition, there are surface-to-air missiles--both the SA-2
for use against aircraft flying at medium altitude, and the
SA-3 for use against low-flying aircraft.

As you know, missile deployments in Cuba have been a
matter of high interest to the U.S. Government since the
early 1960s. We have high confidence in our ability to
detect longer range surface-to-surface missiles if they
should be deployed.

I trust this information will assist you in responding
to your constituent.

Sincerely,

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Frederick P. Hitz

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